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Status of documentation

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the forty-sixth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held at Headquarters from 14 August to 8 September 2006.

2. In its resolution 1988/77 on its revitalization, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate relevant documentation in all working languages six weeks before the opening of sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs.

3. In its resolution 59/265, the General Assembly noted with concern that the six-week rule for the issuance of documents was not fully complied with owing to, inter alia, the continued late submission of documents by author departments. It requested the Secretary-General to ensure strict compliance with the six-week rule for issuance of documentation. In its resolution 60/236 B, noting the continued high level of late submissions of documentation, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-first session, through the Committee on Conferences, on impediments, if any, to achieving full compliance with the 10-week and 6-week rules for the issuance of pre-session documents, including, where appropriate, proposed measures to address such impediments. It also requested the Secretary-General to develop a clear accountability mechanism within the Secretariat for the submission, processing and issuance of documentation and to present a detailed report to the Committee on Conferences for its further consideration and analysis, in order to provide concrete recommendations to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session.

4. In its resolutions 53/208, 54/248, 55/222, 56/242, 57/283 B and 58/250, the General Assembly: (a) reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documents were available in accordance with the six-week rule for their distribution

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simultaneously in the six official languages; (b) reaffirmed its decision that, if a report was issued late, the reason for the delay should be indicated when the report was introduced; and (c) also decided that, if a report was submitted late to conference services, the reasons for the delay should be included in a footnote to the document.

5. In its resolution 60/236 B and in the resolutions cited in paragraph 4 above, the Assembly reiterated its request that the Secretary-General direct all departments to include, where appropriate, the following elements in their reports:

(a) A summary of the report;

(b) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;

(c) Relevant background information.

6. Also in those resolutions, the General Assembly reiterated that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action should mark conclusions and recommendations in bold print.

Annex

Status of preparedness of documentation for the forty-sixth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Agenda item	*Document symbol*	*Title or description*	*Slotted date of submission to DGACM*	*Actual date of submission*	*Estimated date of issuance*	*Status of issuance*	*Submitting office*
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work							
	E/AC.51/2006/1	Note by the Secretariat: annotated provisional agenda				Issued	DM/CPCS
	E/AC.51/2006/L.1	Note by the Secretariat: status of documentation				Issued	DM/CPCS
	E/AC.51/2006/L.2	Note by the Secretariat: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267)				Issued	DM/CPCS
3. Programme questions							
(a) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2004-2005							
	A/61/64	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2004-2005		20 April	30 May		OIOS
(b) Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009							
	A/61/6	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009: Part A. Plan outline Part B. Biennial programme plan (General Assembly resolutions 58/269, 59/275, 60/257)					OPPBA

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(c) Revised estimates relating to the 2005 World Summit Outcome							
	A/	Programme narratives of the revised estimates relating to the 2005 World Summit Outcome as contained in A/60/537 (General Assembly resolution 60/246)					OPPBA
(d) Evaluation							
	A/61/_	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives (General Assembly resolutions 48/218, 54/244, 59/272)					OIOS
	E/AC.51/2006/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the thematic evaluation of knowledge management networks in the pursuit of the goals of the Millennium Declaration (General Assembly resolution 60/256)				Issued	OIOS
	E/AC.51/2006/3	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the usefulness of the pilot thematic evaluation (General Assembly resolution 58/269)				Issued	OIOS
	E/AC.51/2006/4	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on an in-depth evaluation of political affairs (General Assembly resolution 57/282)				Issued	OIOS
	E/AC.51/2006/5	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty third session on the in depth evaluation of the programme on the law of the sea and ocean affairs (General Assembly resolution 58/250)				Issued	OIOS

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4. Coordination questions							
(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination							
	E/2006/66	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2005/2006 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))					SA/CEB
(b) New Partnership for Africa's Development							
	E/AC.51/2006/6	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (General Assembly resolution 60/257)				Issued	SSA
5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit							
	(See E/AC.51/2006/L.2)						JIU
6. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate (General Assembly resolutions 58/269, 59/275, 60/257)							
7. Provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session							
	E/AC.51/2006/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-seventh session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))					DM/CPCS
8. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-sixth session							
	E/AC.51/2006/L.4 and addenda	Draft report of the Committee					DM/CPCS

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Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Council and the General Assembly. The Committee should also take into account paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 59/267, whereby the Assembly invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as contained in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit.

2. In accordance with paragraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, when a report concerns only one organization, the report and the comments of the executive head thereon shall be transmitted to the competent organ of that organization not later than three months after receipt of the report for consideration at the next meeting of the competent organ and, when a report concerns more than one organization, the report, together with the joint comments and any comments of the respective heads on the matters that concern their particular organization, shall be ready for submission to the competent organs of the organizations not later than six months after receipt of the Unit's report for consideration at the next meeting of the competent organs concerned.

3. At its organizational session, the Committee may wish to consider the documents listed below:

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(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Further measures to strengthen United Nations system support to the New Partnership for Africa's Development" (see A/61/69);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Further measures to strengthen United Nations system support to the New Partnership for Africa's Development" (A/61/69/Add.1).